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REMARKS

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-22 and 27-40 are pending in this application. Claims 27-34 stand allowed. Claims 39 and 40 stand objected to. Claims 1-22 and 35-38 stand rejected.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1 through 22 are canceled.

Claims 35 through 38 are canceled.

Claims 39 and 40 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

No new matter has been added.

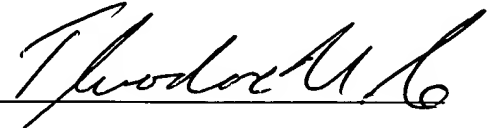
Conclusion

In summary, Applicants now therefore respectfully submit that the application presently stands in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0116.

Respectfully submitted,

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